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## GERMAN ASSAULTS ON THE AISNE CAUSE THE APPEARANCE OF NOTED GENERAL

SITUATION WAS NOT REGARDED CRITICAL UNTIL TODAY. ALLIES HAVE SCORED A SIGNAL SUCCESS OVER GERMAN ARTILLERY, AND THE ENEMY HAVE BEEN DRIVEN FROM THEIR TRENCHES. ALL GERMAN COUNTER ATTACKS ARE REPULSED.

### GERMANS USE "STRATEGY"

THE ALLIES ARE NOW TAKING THE OFFENSIVE TO RETAKE GROUND LOST TO THE ENEMY IN THE VICINITY NORTH OF SOISSONS. THE FRENCH TO THE SOUTHEAST OF METZ ARE STRONGLY ENTRENCHED.

Paris, Jan. 20.—It was learned today for the first time that the situation on the Aisne was regarded as so critical as a result of the German assaults last week that General Joffre hastened there to direct operations of the French personally. Military authorities are now confident the Germans shot their bolt at Soissons, and the allies, taking the offensive, have retaken lost ground. The French southwest of Metz are strongly entrenched, and repulsed all German counter attacks.

The second court martial of the war will try for homicide Captain H—. The wife of Captain H— refused to be separated from her husband. When she learned he was at Campagne she went there. The officers had been prevented from seeing their wives on the battle field. He tried to have her turn back, but after two attempts was warned by superior officers that a third would lead to his cashiering. He begged his wife to return home, which she refused to do, and in a moment of excitement, fearing dishonor and degradation, he shot her.

The captain will be defended in the court martial by the eminent head of the Order of Advocates, Henri Robier. He is having the prisoner examined for his sanity.

It is officially announced the French have scored signal successes over the German artillery in a violent struggle in the Lagurrie forests, where the Germans were driven from their trenches.

### MOST REMARKABLE FREE EXHIBITION.

A moving picture lecture of Maxwell factories is to be given at the Star Theatre Tuesday night, February 2. On that night S. E. Durrance, the local dealer for the Maxwell Motor Sales Corporation, will present for the entertainment of the public a free moving picture lecture entitled "From Steel to Automobile," which has created one of the big sensations in the moving picture world, and is one of the most instructive entertainments that Arcadia has ever witnessed.

There are four thousand feet of moving picture film, and every detail pertaining to the manufacture of up-to-date motor cars is shown.

Beginning with the steel mills the work is carried down on through the chemical laboratories, the foundry, and machine departments. The assembly departments are shown in detail and a complete automobile is made, assembled and tested right before the audience.

Another added feature—and by far the most novel attraction—will be the views of the Maxwell car in the various parts of the country. This has been the form of a travelogue, and some wonderful bits of scenery, as well as scenes, hill climbs, etc., are shown.

Mr. Didukiesler, a factory expert, will accompany the pictures and lecture on them.

We feel that such instructive as well as interesting and entertaining features as these should be encouraged by the residents of Arcadia, and hope all will attend.

### RUSSIANS REPORT THEY ARE STILL WINNING.

Petrograd, Jan. 20.—Another dash drive carried the Russian cavalry the very border of east Prussia, seven miles from Thorn, the great German military base. Sharp fighting followed. The Germans are fighting desperately south of the Vistula. The Russians silenced the German batteries and crossed the Bzura.

## CARDINAL MAKES FORMAL CHARGES TO CHURCH HEAD

POINTS OUT THAT HE WAS DETAINED, HIS LIBERTY DENIED, AND HIS CHURCH OFFICES INSULTED.

London, Jan. 20.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent telegraphs that Cardinal Mercier has made formal protest against his treatment by German authorities in Belgium. The cardinal published his protest in this letter to priests in his diocese:

"Without doubt you have seen the communication from the German government of Brussels, as published in the daily papers, and in which it is declared that Cardinal Mercier, archbishop of Malines, is in no way hindered in the exercise of his Episcopal work. The facts show how far this report is from the truth.

"On the evening of the first of January and on the next soldiers forced their entry into the vicarage, seized my pastoral letter, and contrary to my Episcopal order, they prohibited reading of the letter before congregations, threatening the severest punishment which could be inflicted on vicars or parishes. My own dignity they did not spare.

"On the second of January, early in the morning, at 6 o'clock, I received an order to appear on that same morning before the governor general to answer for my letter to the priests and parishes. The next day I was forbidden to attend the service at the cathedral at Antwerp. Finally, I was not allowed to move about freely to visit other bishops in Belgium.

"Your and my own rights are thus violated. As a citizen of Belgium, as a pastor, and as a member of the holy congregation of cardinals, I strongly protest against it. However others interpret it, this experience has proved that my pastoral letters has caused no danger of a rebellion. On the contrary, it has been instrumental in calming minds and appeasing them.

"I congratulate you that you have done your duty."

According to the Amsterdam Tied, the letter of the cardinal was distributed secretly by special couriers to all parishes throughout the see of Malines.

### GERMANS CAPTURE FRENCH TRENCHES.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—The Germans captured 200 yards of French trenches northwest of Arras and 500 yards of trenches at Argonne. The Germans made good progress north of Semmelm. Situation at the east is unchanged.

### WEALTHY DISILLER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Charles Lacovsky, president of the Fox River Distillery, bankrupted yesterday, snatched last night, jumping from a train and shooting himself. His body was found today.

### CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—May wheat 1.29 1-4; corn 77 1-2; oats 35 1-8; pork 18.87; lard 10.75; ribs 10.25.

## THE LONG-LOOKED-FOR AIRCRAFT RAID OVER ENGLAND HAS BEGUN

The First Flight Brought Damage to Six Towns and Inflicted Many Wounds and a Number of Deaths—Six Zeppelins are Said to Have Been in the Raid—One Bomb Aimed at Ammunition Stores Missed.

London, Jan. 20.—Three killed, a number wounded and six towns and villages damaged by the first German Zeppelin raid over England. Bombs were thrown over the towns of Yarmouth, Sherringham and Grinstead. It is reported six Zeppelins participated in the raid. Unconfirmed reports one Zeppelin shot down off Hunstanton. A bomb was dropped near the ammunition stores near Grinstead, but failed to hit the mark. Two bombs were dropped on the king's Lynn estate, but neither near the palace. An Amsterdam dispatch this morning states that air ships supposed to be German were seen over Kolluma, Vliet and Terschelling early this morning, traveling swiftly eastward.

German air craft made their long threatened raid on England last night, and attempted to blow up with bombs the king's royal residence in Sherringham, county Norfolk.

King George and Queen Mary, who have been staying at Sherringham with their royal family, only yesterday returned to London.

It is not definitely known whether the raiders were Zeppelins, but the Zeppelins were reported yesterday as passing over the North Sea in a westerly direction, and some believe these were the raiders.

The night was cloudy, which made

## WAUCHULA MFG. COMPANY ADMITS ITS INSOLVENCY

WITHDRAWS DENIAL OF BANKRUPTCY. \$1,500,000 CONCERN. HEADED BY EUGENE HOLTSINGER, IS IN HANDS OF A RECEIVER.

The Wauchula Manufacturing & Timber Company, a \$1,500,000 concern of Wauchula, has been adjudged a bankrupt by Judge R. M. Call, of the United States court, yesterday. J. A. Caldwell was appointed receiver, and his bond of \$10,000 filed. The defendants in the petition withdraw their answer demanding a jury trial, and accepted Mr. Caldwell as receiver.

The concern was organized by foreign capital, and headed by Eugene Holtsinger, of this city. The new receiver has been superintendent of the tremendous crate plant and other holdings of the company, and will continue the operation of the crate plant.

The first signs of distress in the affairs of the concern became apparent four months ago, when several suits were filed in the state courts of this county and DeSoto county to realize on paper obligations which the corporation, due to the stringency following the outbreak of the war in Europe, was unable to meet.

The stockholders of the company employed Hilton S. Hampton and Herbert S. Phillips to file and urge an application before Judge Whitney for the appointment of a receiver to reorganize the company and safeguard the stockholders.

While this petition was being considered by Judge Whitney, various creditors of the concern filed a petition alleging that the concern had committed acts of bankruptcy, and praying that it be adjudged a bankrupt.

Attorneys Hampton and Phillips, acting on instructions of their client, filed an answer denying that acts of bankruptcy had been committed, and demanding that the case be tried by jury.

Recently a reorganization committee was appointed and this committee withdrew the answer of the stockholders' attorneys and accepted the appointment of J. A. Caldwell as receiver.—Tampa Tribune.

### WANTS TO STOP ALL MEAT EXPORTATION.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—President Russell, of the United Master Butchers of America, has sent President Wilson a warm appeal urging an embargo on the exportation of meat, meats and food products. He declared if unchecked, the United States would soon be on the verge of starvation.

### TURKS DEFEAT BRITISH FORCES IN ARABIA.

Constantinople, Jan. 20.—It is officially announced the Turks have defeated the British attacks on the forts at El Arab, Arabia.

### GREECE ALSO REPORTS AN EARTHQUAKE.

Athens, Jan. 20.—Sixty-three were killed in an earthquake in the islands of Zante and Cephalonia Monday night. Two thousand are homeless.

## RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL PASSES HOUSE WITHOUT ANY MATERIAL CHANGES

### VILLA AGAIN TO WITHDRAW FROM MEXICAN CAPITAL

RAILWAY OFFICES TO BE MOVED NORTHWARD. THIS BELIEVED TO MEAN THAT VILLA IS NOT TO MAKE A STAND AT THE CAPITAL.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Indications reached the state department yesterday that General Villa intends to withdraw his forces from Mexico City soon and concentrate his forces in an attempt to gain mastery of the northern zone.

Dispatches also report friction between Zapata and Villa elements, but Enrique C. Lorent, Villa's representative here, said last night he had assurances that harmony prevailed between the two chiefs.

Much uncertainty is known to exist in Mexico City, Villa's order that officials of the National Railway move their offices north, the activity of officials in packing their records, and other evidences of an impending change are looked upon by officials here as presaging another evacuation of the capital.

### Situation Still Confused.

Such an eventuality would leave the Mexican situation more confused than ever. Officials admitted today that the exact relations of the factions never so indistinct. Carranza and his cabinet are set up in Vera Cruz. Their main forces at Puebla, under General Obregon, are approaching Mexico City. Gutierrez and five thousand men who accompanied him when he quit Mexico City Friday, are somewhere between the capital and Puebla. Zapata is believed to be at Cuernavaca with the bulk of his forces. A comparatively small garrison commanded by Garza, temporary executive, holds Mexico City. Villa forces control the railroad from Juarez to Aguas Calientes, and that from San Luis Potosi to Monterey.

The state department's latest dispatch from Mexico City, dated at 2 p. m. yesterday, is summarized as follows:

"Mexico City is quiet, but there is much uncertainty as to what turn affairs will take. It has been widely predicted in the capital that Villa is on his way there with a large force. On the other hand, some believe that he will not come further south than Queretaro, where he now is. The executive forces of the Mexican National Railway have been given orders to move north. It is stated that this order probably means interruption of the old Central line, and a lack of confidence in the southern situation.

"General Gutierrez and his party went to Puebla. It is understood the provisional president took with him a large amount of supplies. It is said there has been a scarcity of articles of prime necessity in the city, and devaluated currency makes prices very high."

### Villa Accuses Gutierrez.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 20.—General Villa, under date of yesterday, sent to the Associated Press from Aguas Calientes the following statement:

"On the 18th instant I was surprised to learn that General Eulalio Gutierrez, provisional president of Mexico, in company with General J. Ysabel Robles, General Lucio Blanco and Mateo Almaraz, had fled from the capital, taking with them seven million pesos from the national treasury, and looting everything and leaving abandoned all interests, lives and honor of society, entrusted to their care.

"Later telegrams informed me about the panic existing among inhabitants of Mexico City when they learned of the attitude of the first magistrate and his companions. Upon learning that forces of the fugitives intended to leave the city in disorder, I ordered a government force to be constituted.

"Fortunately the forces under my command in the city at once took up the task of re-establishing order.

"From another direction I learned that General Gutierrez had addressed the military campaign in an effort to turn it against the convention, defrauding the hopes of the country which had been left with him, turning traitor to public aspiration and those of the revolution.

"I at once called a meeting of the convention for a conference. I can state that the major part of the forces remain loyal to the convention and are ready to aid in the pacification of Mexico and its ultimate triumph.

"I believe that every one in Mexico now knows that I am ready to fight for their right. Again I renounce all claim to high position, as all I desire is the country's peace and happiness."

Garza was described as favorable

ALL EFFORTS TO AMEND WERE VOTED DOWN PROMPTLY, AND THE APPROPRIATION OF THIRTY-FOUR MILLION DOLLARS WAS DETERMINED TO BE THE PROPER AMOUNT TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF RIVERS AND HARBORS PROGRESS.

### FRICTION IN SENATE

THE BILL AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE ONLY PROVIDES FOR THE CONTINUATION OF PROJECTS THAT ARE ALREADY UNDER WAY, THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER GETTING A LION'S SHARE.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The rivers and harbors appropriation bill, carrying more than \$34,000,000, passed the house last night by a vote of 164 to 81. The bill now goes to the senate, where a protracted fight is expected.

All efforts to block or substantially amend the bill failed in the house yesterday and last night, and the measure will go to the senate virtually as reported by the house committee.

Amendment after amendment was voted down as the house remained in session until late in the night, determined to pass the bill before adjournment. Nearly every item drew an attack, but the majority, urged on by the democratic leaders, overruled opposition, only three or four small items being stricken out.

The bill authorizes no new projects, the \$34,000,000 being authorized to continue projects already under way, with provisions for examinations and surveys in various places. The larger allotments of the money appropriated include \$7,387,000 for the Mississippi river, and \$3,184,000 for the Ohio.

### VOCAL MUSIC IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

At a meeting of the local trustees Tuesday, Miss Edna Chandler, of Kentucky, was elected a member of the faculty of DeSoto county high school as teacher of voice in the music department. In addition to instruction of individual pupils, Miss Chandler will organize a glee club in the school body, and have charge of the choral work in chapel. Letters of inquiry have brought unvarying endorsement of Miss Chandler as a young woman of refinement and Christian character, possessing unusual musical talent and teaching ability. Prof. Franz J. Strahm, dean of the school of music of the State Normal of Kentucky, says of Miss Chandler:

"She finished the course in vocal music, receiving her diploma with highest honors. She is very musical, gifted, possesses a great deal of artistic temperament, has a beautiful pure, high, lyric soprano voice. She has appeared frequently in concerts and recitals, not only in our school, but in different cities, and I consider her with reservation, to be capable of not only teaching vocal correctly, but also to take charge of choral work and glee clubs. I feel sure that whatever she undertakes will be a success."

The school authorities commend Miss Chandler and her work to the patrons of the school, and are much gratified upon being able to provide this additional advantage to our high school.

J. L. JONES,  
T. B. KING,  
C. H. MITCHELL,  
Trustees.  
J. A. GRANBERRY,  
Principal.

### SWITZERLAND AND FRANCE SHAKEN BY 'QUAKE.

Geneva, Jan. 20.—Severe damage to a dozen towns in Switzerland and eastern France last night by an earthquake. No fatalities thus far are reported. Buildings at Neuchatel, Chaux de Fonds and Locle wrecked.

### NIGHT RIDERS GETTING BUSY IN KENTUCKY.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 20.—Night riders disguised as negroes held a family at bay while they beat the daughter of William Duvall, nearly to death with switches. They left a warning note and switches at the home of Mrs. Susan Slaughter last night. There were five arrests today.

to a peaceful solution of the internal troubles of Mexico in a bulletin given out by Ernesto Fernandez, Villa consul here. The statement said General Villa would not go to the capital until the election by the convention of the pre-constitutional president.